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Update: Oct. 21, 2013

A judge raised Barton's bail to \$6 million and the arraignment date was changed to Wednesday, October 23. For further updates, please check with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office.

Oct. 17, 2013

Former Army and Navy Academy administrator arrested for sexual molestation. Additional victims sought.

CARLSBAD, Calif. – On Oct. 17 shortly after 5 p.m., the City of Carlsbad Police Department arrested Jeffery S. Barton, a former administrator for the Army and Navy Academy. The academy is located at 2605 Carlsbad Blvd. in the City of Carlsbad. Officers arrested Barton, 56, of Oceanside, for the sexual molestation of at least six former students whom he mentored. Barton was employed by the academy from 1995 until 2013.

The department, in collaboration with the Army and Navy Academy, is attempting to identify and locate any additional victims who have been involved in or witnesses who have knowledge of inappropriate behavior by Barton. Victims and witnesses are asked to call the police department hotline 760-931-2276.

The investigation began in June of 2013 when a victim, now an adult, reported past sexual abuse by Barton to the police department. Since that time, police investigators have worked persistently to develop a comprehensive case by collecting evidence, following leads and identifying additional victims.

"Protecting children is the police department's highest priority," said City of Carlsbad Police Chief Gary Morrison. "We are equally outraged by the possibility of such a crime occurring in our community. We take any report of this nature very seriously, and we are using every available resource in our investigation."

Barton was booked into the Vista Detention Facility with a \$2.1 million bail.

Investigators have been working closely with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and anticipate Barton will be charged with 16 felony counts in connection with the molestation of the students. The arraignment is currently scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 22.

The investigation is ongoing. The police department continues to work with the District Attorney's Office toward the investigation and prosecution of this case.

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